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## Union Officials from Throughout State Report On "Hot Cargo" Campaign

Finishing touches were given the referendum petition campaign against "Slave Bill 877," when representatives of central labor councils, building trades councils, teamsters' organizations and the labor press of the State met last Sunday morning at the Labor Temple in San Francisco.

Although the call for the meeting had only been sent to the officials of central bodies, as above mentioned, yet numerous members of individual unions were present from distant cities as well as from San Francisco, as evidence of their keen interest in the campaign and desire to render all possible aid.

So that there would be no "slip-up" in the important work of obtaining signatures, individual reports on the progress of the work were made by the representatives from the various localities, and were discussed generally.

### Roll-Call for Reports

President C. J. Haggerty of the State Federation of Labor was in the chair, and from the desk Secretary Edward D. Vandeleur of the Federation called the roll of the central labor bodies of the State—from Eureka to San Diego—and recorded in detail the responses and tabulations given by each of the representatives.

These representatives told of the situation as they had found it to exist in their localities, the number of signed petitions already actually on file and the number remaining in circulation. Also the experiences and observations in reference to the campaign as related by these representatives proved most interesting and instructive.

### Systematic Procedure

A particular person was designated to file the signed petitions for each district in the state by August 22, the date when the petitions will have to be submitted to the legal officials. Many of the delegates referred to some evidences of apathy, but the whole tone of the meeting was one of determined confidence to get the necessary signatures in the remaining time available.

Although a rough estimate of the signatures already obtained amounted to a respectable number, it was driven home to the delegates that "full steam ahead" would have to be put on in order to cinch the victory by August 22.

### San Francisco Office

In San Francisco over 40,000 signatures were ready for filing, with expectation of several more thousands by the filing date. Not only have the petitions been given wide circulation here, but two sound trucks have been rented to call the voters' attention to this important issue. A special office, on Market street, has been open from the beginning of the drive for the purpose of procuring as many signatures as possible.

The organized opposition by the employers' groups, such as the Associated Farmers and the various so-called "citizens' alliances," was reported upon by the delegates, and revealed the desperate fear of the enemies of labor concerning the outcome of the referendum campaign.

That the executive council of the Federation had organized the campaign with surprising efficiency, considering the short time available, was clearly demonstrated in the reports of the delegates. Another important problem revealed in the discussion was the alarming number of non-registered voters uncovered in many of the unions. A drive among the membership to correct this negligence so that labor can wield its maximum strength in the 1942 elections was stressed by the speakers.

The consensus of opinion at the Sunday meeting was that the greatest enemy facing labor in this drive is apathy. The importance of this campaign and its significance to organized labor in the State was driven home to the delegates by most of the speakers.

Representatives of labor papers in the State established the energetic support being given the campaign by its having been made the main issue in all their editions. This will continue to be done for the duration of the campaign. Not only have the weekly news releases of the Federation been fully utilized by the labor press, but supplementary material prepared by the papers themselves is being carried.

### Friendly Organizations Active

It was also brought out that organizations friendly to labor in the southern part of the State were cooperating in getting signatures, and appreciation for their help was expressed.

Upon the conclusion of the reports, which were entertaining and to the point, determination was written on the faces of all the delegates to give the petition campaign a final winning spurt on their return to their respective communities.

With the continued development of the campaign after the filing of the signatures the Federation is confident that it will succeed in projecting this life-or-death issue for the organized labor movement with sufficient force to impress the voters of the State and deliver a knockout blow to the enemies of trade unionism.

## Suspends 8-Hour Day on War Dept. Construction

An executive order was issued last Wednesday suspending the eight-hour day for mechanics and laborers employed by the War Department on construction of air fields, troop housing units, fortifications and similar public works projects.

The order, issued under President Roosevelt's signature, was made public by a White House secretary, who said it was promulgated because of the necessity to complete all military projects at the earliest possible date.

The order applies to War Department public works projects in the United States only. Similar orders previously had been issued for various categories of workers at outlying defense areas.

War Department officials said the order would empower the Secretary of War to designate defense projects that need to be rushed, and to allow work on them in excess of eight hours a day.

In cases where such extra work is ordered, the workers would receive time and one-half overtime.

It was estimated there are some 100,000 men employed on projects that might be included within the scope of the order.

**Have you signed the "HOT CARGO" Referendum Petition?**

## No Agreement Reached On Contract Renewal for Restaurants and Hotels

A plan for settlement of the controversy between the local culinary unions and the Employers' Council, the latter as representatives of sixty-seven restaurants, still remained to be found up to Wednesday afternoon. Proposals and counter-proposals by the contending groups had been made during the week, but without result, and the sixty-seven restaurants still remained closed.

The union representatives had made reply to the latest plan submitted by the Employers' Council, emphatically declaring the plan unsatisfactory because "your position on wages and certain other basic issues remains unchanged."

### Hotel Contract Discussion

In the meantime another situation had arisen in respect to the contract with twenty-seven of the city's larger hotels, in which the culinary unions are also involved. Final action on this controversy had been postponed for forty-five days under an agreement which had been brought about by the executive committee of the San Francisco Labor Council. That period having terminated, the matter again came before the Council committee last Monday night, no settlement having been reached in the meantime. At this meeting President John F. Shelley of the Labor Council was authorized to name a negotiating committee of five, and a request was made of the hotel owners that they name a like number of representatives, following which the two groups would attempt to evolve a plan for bringing about by peaceful means a new agreement between the unions and the hotels. It was thought that a meeting of these two committees might be arranged for yesterday (Thursday).

### Employers' Council Makes Proposal

In reference to the situation pertaining to the restaurant controversy the developments were:

On Monday the Employers' Council submitted what were described as alternative proposals to those previously made by the union. In brief, these Council proposals were:

1. That the closed restaurants be reopened immediately at a wage increase of 25 cents daily above that obtaining prior to July 1. (This was half what the union asked.)

2. That the restaurants be reopened and wages be submitted to arbitration with the agreement that the 25-cent increase be paid until the arbitrator rules and any further increase the arbitrator might grant be retroactive to the date of reopening.

### Union Representatives Reply

In rejecting both of these, the union representatives by letter said, in part:

"We informed you prior to the commencement of this present unfortunate dispute that we did not intend to grant to the small group of restaurants you represent any different basic conditions than our members enjoy in the majority of the other restaurants now operating.

"We have again and again pointed out to you during this controversy that wage scales we ask you to accept, which range from $8.75 to $22.50 per week for the great bulk of our membership, are not unreasonable, but actually are still far too low to maintain a decent American standard of living. Your proposals

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# Dunnes Given Setback by Minnesota Labor Board

The Dunne brothers, Miles and Vincent, radical bosses of a big C.I.O. truck drivers' union in Minneapolis, have met with a smashing setback.

The State Labor Board has denied certification of the union as bargaining agent for 300 truck drivers and inside workers employed by 14 Minneapolis furniture stores. The ruling is seen as shaking the grip of the Dunne brothers on the General Drivers' Union, which they took out of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, A.F.L. affiliate, on June 9, to enter the C.I.O. Six thousand members followed the Dunnes.

### Under Federal Indictment

The Dunnes were already in hot water, as they were indicted with twenty-six others by a federal grand jury on July 15 on charges of seditious conspiracy. A majority of those named were members of the union. All of the defendants are officers or members of the Socialist Workers' party, the Trotsky wing of the communist movement. They were accused of having advocated insubordination and the overthrow of the federal government by armed revolt. The indictments followed a raid by federal agents on the Minneapolis and St. Paul headquarters of the organization.

Soon after the Dunne brothers took the drivers out of the A.F.L., those employed by the furniture stores were ordered to strike, and the strike was called two days after the General Drivers' Union entered the C.I.O. The men were out three days and returned to work when the C.I.O. asked an election. The furniture dealers refused to bargain with them on the ground that they did not know who represented their employees.

### Strike Held Illegal

In the order denying bargaining certification, Alfred P. Blair, state labor conciliator, charged the C.I.O. was guilty of unfair labor practices and that the strike was illegal and without the required 30-day waiting period. He added that the switch from the A.F.L. to the C.I.O. invalidated the original strike notice.

The Dunnes controlled the Minneapolis drivers for more than ten years, during which time, it is alleged, the union resorted to acts of terrorism. Two years ago William S. Brown, then president, was shot to death. An organizer was acquitted of the crime and the Dunnes paid for his defense. Miles Dunne then became president of the union.

Last winter Daniel J. Tobin, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, started an investigation of the Minneapolis union to discover whether communists had been using it for their own ends. When the investigation was nearing a climax the Dunnes withdrew.

They told the membership the switch had been sought by A. D. Lewis, brother of John L. Lewis.

### STRIKE IDLENESS CUT

Strikes in June caused 1,375,000 man-days of idleness in the nation, the figures representing a 39 per cent reduction, as compared with May, it is indicated in a preliminary report to the U. S. Secretary of Labor. Strikes which began in June were down sharply in number. The report said that 385 were called in June, against 500 in May, with 181,000 fewer workers involved.

### BRITISH WORKERS' PAY UP

In the first four months of the year, some 6,300,000 workers in England received wage increases of about $4,512,000 a week, it is reported. The major portion of the increases were given to workers in the metal, mining and clothing industries. About one-third of the increases came into force automatically, through the operation of sliding scales of wages and the rest were gained through direct negotiations between unions and employers.

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on wages are the same proposals that were rejected by us several weeks ago and, in the main, average from 11 to 15 per cent below these basic minimums.

"Our members have instructed us to in no way compromise with you these minimum standards established in the industry. We therefore cannot and will not accept any proposals that do not fulfill these instructions; nor can we agree to delegate to any outside authority the right to deprive our members of any of their hard-won conditions." The unions' reply continued:

"In order that this controversy may be no further prolonged, we suggest that you permit the sixty-seven closed restaurants to accept the same basic conditions existing under the signed contracts with the other San Francisco restaurants that are now operating. If this simple step is taken, we have every confidence that an agreement can be successfully negotiated between us."

At the Employers' Council on Tuesday it was said that no reply would be forthcoming prior to a discussion of the situation as it then existed.

# Market Strike Called by Building Service Union

Building Service Employees No. 87 called a strike against the Crystal Palace Market last Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, and on Wednesday the union established picket lines to publicize the controversy, also issuing a bulletin requesting public support and giving the background of the dispute. In substance the union's bulletin presented the case as follows:

"Since April of this year, we have been attempting to arrive at an agreement with the Crystal Palace Market. After repeated conferences with the management of the Crystal Palace Market, we were informed that hereafter we would deal with the San Francisco Employers' Council and that the San Francisco Employers' Council would handle all negotiations for the Crystal Palace management."

The bulletin then states that union representatives had met with Almon Roth and Willian Storie of the San Francisco Employers' Council to discuss the proposals, but were unsuccessful in reaching an agreement, following which application was made to the San Francisco Labor Council for strike sanction. The Labor Council's executive committee heard the complaint, and strike sanction was granted, but actual calling of the strike was forbidden by the Council committee until Council representatives had been given an opportunity to attempt to reach an agreement with the market management or its representatives.

With representatives of the Labor Council and the union present, a meeting was held with the San Francisco Employers' Council, at which time the latter presented a counter-proposal to that of the union. This counter-proposal was later submitted to the union members and rejected by secret ballot. The union's statement continues:

"We again resumed negotiations with the San Francisco Employers' Council and arrived at a complete agreement upon all our demands, and all that remained was the signing of this agreement, which was to be immediately signed upon re-drafting of the contract.

"Lo and behold! on August 11, 1941, we were informed that our proposal, agreed to by the San Francisco Employers' Council and Building Service Employees' Union Local 87, was rejected by the employers and they would not sign any contract with our organization calling for a union shop, which had been in effect for the past five years with the Crystal Palace Market."

After citing that the Supreme Court has ruled that once an employer agrees to a contract he must sign same, the union declares that in its forty-two years of experience it has never been confronted with such anti-labor tactics as those displayed by the Employers' Council and the market management, and that the union had done everything in its power, and did arrive at an agreement upon a contract, which contract the employers refused to sign. The union's statement concluded with an appeal for support of the public.

Following the strike an unidentified "spokesman" for the employers was quoted as saying an agreement had never been reached with the union, and that the employers were ready to resume negotiations.

President Shelley of the Labor Council participated in meetings Wednesday afternoon and evening in attempt to bring about a settlement. Result of the conferences was not announced and the picket line was being maintained Thursday morning.

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# Declares Poor Planning Is Threatening Million Jobs

Jobs of a million workers are threatened with annihilation during the next two months because of poor planning under the defense program, the American Federation of Labor declared last week.

Thousands of plants face shutdowns or curtailed operations, hundreds of business men will be driven to the wall, and many "ghost towns" are likely to be created, despite the defense boom, the Federation predicted.

"We have nearly reached the peak of defense re-employment and are now coming to defense unemployment," the A.F.L. asserted.

Most of this joblessness, the Federation said, will be caused by the "priorities" program, under which essential raw materials are assigned first to defense industries, leaving little or nothing to consumer goods plants.

### "Sold the Country Short"

The Federation blamed this predicament on "bad planning" and asserted that so-called experts "sold the country short" by under-estimating needs for basic materials. The Government, it added, moved too slowly to make up the lag.

"As a result, a stream of men will be laid off by priorities in consumer goods industries and this stream will gather speed and numbers as the months go by," the A.F.L. warned.

Its chief economist, Boris Shishkin, revealed that nearly all types of industries will be hit—aluminum "pots and pans," rubber, plastics, autos, refrigerators, fabricated metals and hundreds of others. In addition, the sudden shutting down of silk production for civilian uses, because of the Far East crisis, threatened the jobs of a hundred thousand workers.

The situation could be eased, the A.F.L. said, if employers, who are hogging defense contracts, were forced to sub-contract more of their work to small plants, but so far little has been done along that line.

Defense officials are making attempts to soften the impact of the threatened wholesale unemployment. A priorities branch to deal with the problem has been set up. However, labor chiefs pointed out that "adjustments take time" and, meanwhile, thousands of men and women are already being discharged.

"The remedy," contended the A.F.L., "is to cut production slowly, with every effort to replace civilian work with defense contracts."

### Small Manufacturers Protest

Confirmation of labor's warning came from business and defense spokesmen. For example, the Congress of American Business, composed of small manufacturers, wrote William S. Knudsen, defense chief, protesting that widespread unemployment is inevitable unless the government modifies its policies. It said thousands of plants are facing a shutdown.

Vast unused facilities are not being put to use, because defense contracts have been parcelled out mainly to a few giant corporations, the Congress told Knudsen. These corporations refuse to farm out their orders.

"Small business concerns paying about 85 per cent of the nation's payrolls are most seriously affected," the Congress said. "Yet, while they face wholesale extinction, a few corporations are loaded with 75 per cent of all defense orders."

Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., director of priorities for the Office of Production Management, admitted the complaint of small manufacturers is justified. He said hundreds of small plants have already closed and possibly "tens of thousands" will have to shut up later.

From Donald M. Nelson, director of purchases, also came the admission that many manufacturers may have to "simply go out of business for the duration of the emergency."

"We are going to have a hard time coping with this problem of a boom which causes shutdowns," he confessed.

What will become of the displaced workers is a frightening problem. Relief funds have been cut to where it is impossible to care for more than a small fraction of the jobless.

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### GOVERNMENT WORKERS' BONUS

A Canadian Press news story from Ottawa states that it has been learned "from a reliable authority" that an agreement has been reached in principle for the payment of a cost-of-living bonus to virtually all 250,000 railway workers and civil servants in Canada. The railways have more than 150,000 employees and government employees number nearly 100,000.

## Watchmakers in Negotiation

Business Manager George Allen of Watchmakers No. 101 states that negotiations have been opened with sixty jewelry stores in San Francisco and Oakland in which the union seeks an increase in the wage scale of 15 cents an hour. The interests of 125 watchmakers are involved in the pending negotiations.

The union has been engaged in recent months in a very active campaign for the placing of work with those firms which employ its members and where the emblem of the local is displayed, that carries a guarantee of satisfaction to the customer in watch repairing, backed by a $1000 bond on the part of the union.

# Additional Unions Decide To Parade on Labor Day

Continued progress and added interest is in evidence at the meetings of the Joint Labor Day Committee. The list of units signifying their intention to parade is being augmented as the various unions report from their regular monthly meetings which are being held for the current month.

In the discussions at the Joint Committee meetings the point is being emphasized that labor's vital part in the national defense program requires that the workers this year should put forth every effort to have an impressive numerical showing in the various parades which are to be a feature of the celebration in cities throughout the nation. San Francisco, as one of the key points in the defense work program and upon which thousands of its workers are employed, therefore should establish a record number in the parade line.

At tomorrow (Saturday) night's meeting of the General Committee the drawing for positions in the line of march will be held. The meeting of the committee will be held at 8 o'clock in the Labor Temple, as usual.

In another column of this issue will be found the minutes in detail of last week's meeting of the Joint Labor Day Committee.

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# C.I.O. Group Censures Leader of Plane Strike

At the convention of C.I.O. automobile workers, now in session at Buffalo, the delegates last week voted to change the name of the organization to "United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers."

At the session last Monday clashes came on the issues of communism and strike leadership, arising in particular over the recent strike at the North American plant in Inglewood, Calif. A subminority grievance committee report recommended a mild penalty for Lew H. Michener, west coast regional director, and a leader in the Inglewood strike. Official tabulation on a roll-call vote showed 1558 favoring the report and 1460 opposed. The convention was polled after Michener had defended his support of the strike and termed his case before the convention a "political issue."

The subminority recommendation, drafted by Jack Schuller of Detroit, asked the convention only to disqualify Michener for election to the union executive board, asserting "complete loss of the privilege of membership" is too severe a punishment "to inflict upon one who has loyally fought the battle of the workers."

Richard T. Frankenstein, aviation director of the C.I.O. organization, who during the California strike said the walkout was "engineered by communists," appealed to the delegates to adopt the report. He said he believed "in the brotherhood of man—that's why I urge leniency in the case of Michener."

Michener denied he was seeking to split the union and to form an independent union of automobile and aircraft workers on the west coast, and defied any delegate to "actually prove" that he ever disobeyed Philip Murray, president of the C.I.O., or R. J. Thomas, president of the auto workers' group.

Late last week Frankenstein announced his support of Thomas and George F. Addes, secretary-treasurer, for re-election and made it plain that he was a candidate for vice-president of the organization. He also said his support of Addes in no wise constituted a threat to his coalition with Walter P. Reuther on their anti-communist campaign.

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## After Defense Employment, What?

In their intense preoccupation with defense activities many are "too busy" to give any thought to what will happen when defense production comes to an end. Because of temporarily rising employment and even "labor scarcity," others are under the illusion that the problem of unemployment has been solved at last. Few are giving thought to the menace of the large-scale post-defense unemployment which is sure to come unless intelligent and adequate plans are worked out in advance.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America at its biennial meeting last December adopted a resolution which said in part:

"*Voted:* That the American churches co-operating in the Federal Council urge the appointment by Congress or the President of a commission on unemployment to be composed of representatives of consumers, farmers, labor, finance, manufacturing, commerce, government, education, church, youth, and welfare agencies without regard to race or color; the personnel of such a commission should proceed at once to propose systematic plans for the long-range solution of the basic problem of unemployment."

Congressman H. Jerry Voorhis of California has introduced House Joint Resolution No. 59, which calls for the establishment of such a commission. A special article pertaining to the general subject of the resolution recently appeared in the LABOR CLARION, written by Paul Scharrenberg, legislative representative of the American Federation of Labor. In that article it was stated that the A.F.L. is lending its support to the proposal.

The resolution is now in committee. Hearings were held recently by a sub-committee of the labor committee of the House. Not only was there favorable testimony by representatives of the Federal Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, but support was given by national organizations of labor, manufacturers and consumers. Yet it cannot be expected that it will be reported out and adopted by the House unless Congressmen are assured of urgent public demand for its passage. Hence now is the time to forward to your congressman an appeal for active support of the measure. Human welfare or human misery on a large scale are in the balance.

## Vinson Breaks Out Again

Congressman Carl Vinson of Georgia asks the House to "tax the assets of labor unions." As chairman of the naval affairs committee, he sent a questionnaire to 150 national and international unions, asking all kinds of information concerning their internal affairs. Thirty-five of the unions responded and, among other things, stated they have assets totaling $42,371,199. Mr. Vinson was "shocked" and insisted something must be done to curtail this supposedly evil thing.

There were a number of facts Mr. Vinson did not reveal to the House. These assets consist, almost entirely, of sick, unemployment and death benefits, and funds invested in headquarters buildings. Unlike the big insurance companies, the unions' insurance systems are not run for profit. The members actually get all the benefits.

"Congress is not likely to pay the slightest attention to Mr. Vinson's suggestion," says *Labor,* and continues: "Although he has been in the House for more than twenty years, his sole claim to distinction is that he is chairman of an important committee. And everyone knows he got that job through seniority and not because he was in any sense qualified for the task.

"He comes from a Georgia district, where 'sweatshop' employers with the assistance of an iniquitous poll tax system, are extremely influential. In 1938 the poll tax helped reduce the total vote in Mr. Vinson's district to 4369. In the same election, in the Eighth Massachusetts district, where Congressman Arthur D. Healey, with a fine labor record, was triumphantly re-elected, the total vote was 112,865.

"That's quite a difference! It reveals why Congressmen like Mr. Vinson can afford to make war on labor.

"With the poll tax and other devices they disfranchise the workers, white as well as black, in their districts!

"Of course, 'sweatshop' bosses in Georgia will pat Mr. Vinson on the back for his latest attack on the labor movement. But his colleagues in the House, who are familiar with Mr. Vinson's political background, will not be impressed."

## Rural Housing Program Upheld

A decision by the Supreme Court of South Carolina, which is the first court decision in America upholding the public housing program in rural areas, is hailed as a great step forward in the drive to extend the benefits of the low-rent housing program to low-income farmers and their families.

The South Carolina court decided that: (1) Housing for farm families and the elimination of rural slums is a public purpose. (2) Rural public low-rent houses are exempt from taxation under the state constitution and the South Carolina housing authorities law. (3) Rural housing does not discriminate in favor of farm families of low income.

Since its formation in 1939, the Housing Authority of Darlington county, S. C., in which county the court case originated, has received funds for constructing 200 rural homes. Eleven of these are already occupied and forty-six more are under construction. Built at an average cost of $1650, these houses will rent for approximately $70 a year.

Under the rural housing program of the United States Housing Authority, loans and annual contributions are made to county or regional housing authorities to assist in providing decent homes for low-income farm families. For every new home built in a rural area, an unfit house is eliminated.

The decision by the South Carolina court on the rural housing program rests on the same solid legal foundation as the favorable line of decisions upholding the city housing program. To date there has been an unbroken line of forty-eight favorable decisions by the supreme courts of twenty-eight states. Without exception, all of these decisions have upheld local slum clearance and low-rent housing programs.

In Stockholm, Sweden, where motor fuel is rationed even more drastically than breadstuffs, a bakery is producing fuel for fifty of its own cars and trucks from vapors arising from baking bread, says *Business Week.* Yeast arising from dough produces ethyl alcohol and other chemical compounds. In the process of baking, the dough gives off an alcohol-water mixture in the form of steam. Special equipment, probably the first in the world, collects the steam from the oven, condenses and distills it to provide a 96 per cent alcohol at a cost of about 33 cents a gallon.

# Comment on World Events

**International Labor News Service**

This column recently told of the plans for the formation of foreign trade union groups in Great Britain. Reports show that organization of these groups is progressing and that Belgian, French, German, Austrian, Czechoslovak national groups are now operating.

Plans are being made for the organization of Polish and Norwegian groups. Well organized unions of seamen from the two nations have been functioning for some time.

Foreign trade union groups in Britain are based on the principle of simultaneous membership in the appropriate British trade union and of the respective national trade union organization. The foreign workers are organized in British unions for the protection of their wage and working conditions. They are grouped also by nationality to give expression to the close mutual bonds which these workers feel, to maintain the continuity of relations with the labor movements of their respective homelands and to be the seeds of the future free trade unions movements in their countries. Thus the tasks of the foreign groups are principally social and propagandist. They will pay special attention to relief campaigns and to the encouragement of trade union tradition.

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As a result of the world crisis, compelling the inauguration of the national defense program in the United States, the federal employment service has made advances that might have taken ten years to achieve under ordinary circumstances. That these changes mean to the average worker seeking a defense job or an employer seeking skilled workers is described in detail in a pamphlet entitled "Man Meets Job—How Uncle Sam Helps," published by the Public Affairs Committee, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.

Written by Philip S. Broughton of the Social Security Board, the pamphlet tells why the U. S. Employment Service was formed, and how it functions in the present emergency.

It is no longer concerned, Broughton points out, with finding a job—any job—for the jobless man or woman. It has "to meet defense job demands with the best skilled men and women wherever they can be found—whether or not they are employed."

Workers seeking defense jobs are given the following advice: (1) Register at once with your local state employment office, if you are qualified for work in a defense industry. (2) Register if you are working at a semi-skilled or unskilled job and you have the skill needed for a better job. (3) Apply at the employment office if you want training for a defense job. (4) Do not leave your home town in search of work unless the local employment office tells you there is a definite opening somewhere else.

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"The U. S. Employment Service," Broughton adds, "also serves as a channel to all kinds of training for defense jobs. During the entire period of the first world war, only 40,000 workers were especially trained for defense industry jobs. In the first six months of the present defense program, more than ten times that many have been trained or retrained. Since March, 1941, new defense training activities undertaken in any community are first cleared with the state employment service."

As the 101st week of the war ended August 9, Associated Press records showed that at least 1813 ships of all nations had been lost and 14,859 persons killed in the conflict at sea, since the sinking of the liner Athenia on the day Britain declared war on Germany. A known total of 6,829,004 tons of merchant and naval shipping has been sunk or scuttled. This represents an average of two ships and 21 lives lost each day. The toll also includes the listing of 9217 persons as missing—nearly 13 a day—most of whom must be given up as dead. The struggle has cost Britain 816 vessels, the compilation revealed.

# "Bats" in the Movement

(From California State Federation of Labor Weekly News Letter)

Aesop's Fables have been a source of inspiration for many a wit and wise man. That they have endured so long is evidently because these simple stories reflect the strength and weakness of human beings today, just as they did 2600 years ago when the slave from the island of Samos wrote them.

Reading these tales not long ago, our fancy was struck by one of them, entitled "The Bat, the Birds, and the Beasts." As it is short, we will repeat it and explain why we were so interested in it. It runs as follows:

### Fable of Birds and Beasts

"A great conflict was about to come off between the Birds and the Beasts. When the two armies were collected together the Bat hesitated which to join. The Birds that passed his perch said: 'Come with us;' but he said: 'I am a Beast.' Later on, some Beasts who were passing underneath him looked up and said: 'Come with us;' but he said: 'I am a Bird.' Luckily at the last moment peace was made, and no battle took place, so the Bat came to the Birds and wished to join in the rejoicings, but they all turned against him and he had to fly away. He then went to the Beasts, but soon had to beat a retreat, or else they would have torn him to pieces. 'Ah,' said the Bat, 'I see now, "He That Is Neither One Thing nor the Other Has No Friends." ' "

This brought to mind a certain element in the labor movement that tries to run with the hare and chase with the hounds. Looking back only a short time ago, we remember when the Communist party decided to go respectable for the first time, just prior to the beginnings of the secessionist movement. They came into the American Federation of Labor like "Trojan Horses," their bellies stuffed with all the forces necessary to disrupt and destroy it once the gates were closed behind them.

### Some Foresaw Danger

Fortunately, there were a good many people in the A.F.L. who were not so naive, and immediately rang the alarm. To their great surprise, they found a number of allegedly good trade unionists, whom they had reason to believe were not members of the Communist party, suddenly become defenders and apologists for it.

These were the same people who argued that Bridges was not so bad; in fact, they defended him as being a fine, progressive trade unionist. When these champions of the oppressed were appealed to on principle grounds and told point-blank that, regardless of what the Communist party members were posing as at any particular time, they were not free agents but slaves of a party line which was forged in Moscow, and that because they were forced to follow that line they could not be depended upon, and represented an alien force within the labor movement—what was their answer?

### Advice Went Unheeded

Instead of heeding our advice they sought to cover up their tracks by devising every conceivable argument and spurious reason to justify their defense of the Communist party members. They went even further—they joined up with the Communist party gang in attacking us, who were trying to free the labor movement of this incubus. On every occasion when a head-on collision occurred with the Stalin strip-teasers, these people still found it convenient to attack us, while piously disclaiming their membership in the Communist party.

It is possible that many of them were not members. Concerning these, the best that can be said is that they always found it more comfortable to sit on the fence than to wade into the fight with us .

But when the wavering Communist Party "line" changed for the *n*th time—to join up with the C.I.O., even though it meant the disruption of bona fide A.F.L. unions, to support the war instead of opposing it—these fence-sitters broke their necks to cover their tracks and tried to make it appear that they had always been opponents of the Stalinist wreckers. But on each occasion they said it with a protruding cheek.

And this is where Aesop's Fable comes in: In practically every respect, these middle-of-the-roaders played the same role as the Bat.

When the communist elements were no longer as influential in the A.F.L. as they once had been, these Bats scurried to find a safe place in every fight involving policy, and invariably deserted the minute the heat was on strong. Again and again they followed the Bat's strategy of avoiding the manly obligation to take a stand.

### In Role of the Bat

Now that the Communist party has once more changed its line to a respectable one that will enable them to win over many more dupes, watch these Bats fall all over themselves for stooge assignments. Just as they abandoned the Communist Party elements when they were no longer popular, so will they eagerly embrace them again when they begin to return to favor. Like the Bat, they shamelessly try to choose a winning side. Unlike the Birds and the Beasts, however, the Communist party welcomes them, and uses them.

We can add only this one thing to the moral in Aesop's Fable: There is no room in the labor movement for Bats. Irrespective of what stand a person may take, so long as it is an open one, based on an honest opinion, it will be impossible for these Bats to exploit both sides of any question. It is more than time, therefore, to force them to take a position one way or the other, so that some day they will not weaken and betray the entire labor movement to its enemies.

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### Found in Bad Company

Four organizations closely related to the Associated Farmers—the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of Los Angeles, the Neutral Thousands, Southern California, Inc., and the Employees' Advisory Service—have just been declared by the National Labor Relations Board to be guilty of sixteen unfair labor practices designed to prevent union organization in the Los Angeles area.

To justify their existence and insure the continuation of their income from their duped membership, such organizations must constantly foment labor disturbances. A few of them have now been caught in the act. That the Associated Farmers has escaped is only because the field of its operations was not under the N.L.R.B.'s investigation at this time.

### Everything Is "Hot"

The July issue of *The Associated Farmer* brings its dupes more than its usual amount of drooling nonsense against the trade unions. The adjective "hot" has become so popular with it that unless it is careful it will be unable to finish a sentence without using it.

There is "hot milk" and "hot cows," and of course the "hot cargo" bill comes in for its usual prominence. In fact, everything is "hot" with them, including their own imaginations.

To try to dig out the few, if any, facts covered by their drivel would require the combined efforts of several W.P.A. projects. But we are more concerned with the self-appointed role they have assumed as champions of the farmer.

Is there really an honest-to-God working farmer who still believes that the organizers and men in control of that organization are interested in his problems? If such there be—and unfortunately there are—then it is about time to remind him of a few salient facts.

### "Spokesmen" for Farmers?

How can men who are absentee owners, who by juggling stocks and bonds have established control over the large factory farms of our valleys, and who control as well the market prices of all farm produce, be expected to speak for the independent farmer? These pollywogs, living in the most luxurious hotels and knowing as much about farming as a pig knows about Aristotle, are as much determined to eliminate the independent farmer as they are bent on staving off decent wages and American living standards.

### Provoking of Strife

With many, such an organization has become a source of racketeering. When they accuse the trade unions of this, it is merely a ruse to keep attention away from themselves. Were it not for the Associated Farmers, there would be little if any friction between the real farmers and the trade unions.

Once organizations like this are eliminated, it is a safe assumption that there will be less industrial strife because their only function is to provoke it.

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# War Propaganda in Films?

Senator Clark of Idaho announces that spokesmen for the motion picture and radio industries will be asked to appear in Washington to answer complaints of war propaganda. A Senate interstate commerce sub-committee, of which Clark is chairman, decided to conduct open public hearings on September 3.

"There has been considerable public complaint that the moving picture and radio industries have been using their faculties to inflame the American people to war," Senator Clark said. "This group proposes to ascertain whether or not this is true and should be investigated."

If the sub-committee recommends an investigation after public hearings, the inquiry then must be approved by the full committee and Senate.

# Voting by Service Men

Registrar of Voters Cameron King this week directed attention to the fact that men enlisted in the armed forces have the right to exercise their citizenship privilege and cast a vote in their home towns, provided they have established residence and are registered. This right exists under the draft law and the absentee voters' law of 1923, passed to correct an election situation resulting during the world war. The procedure for absentee voting is thus outlined:

Those not registered should apply to Registrar King's office in the city hall for an absentee registration form. It should be filled out, attested to before a notary public (no fee), and returned to the registrar by September 25.

Those who are registered should apply for an absentee ballot form, between October 15 and 30. The marked ballot must be returned to the registrar within six days after the election, November 4 in this case.

# Welfare Division's Report

Margarete L. Clark, chief of the State Division of Industrial Welfare, reports that in July $6271.55 was collected and added to the earnings of 574 women and minors who had not received their minimum wages. In the fruit and canning industry, $80,019.84 was collected in audit adjustments, covering the employment of 13,131 women and minors.

During the month, 133 complaints were filed with the Division, covering non-payment of minimum wages and unsanitary working conditions; 154 complaints were cleared; 530 inspections, investigations, court appearances, calls and audits were made; licenses were issued to 333 learners, and 306 permits were issued to elderly and infirm workers permitting their employment at a special minimum wage; home work licenses were issued to 4 employers, and permits were granted to 67 workers to do industrial work in their own homes.

### UP IT GOES; WHERE IT STOPS . . .

On August 1, the United States national debt was over the $50,000,000,000 mark. The deficit this year is expected to run over $12,000,000,000. That will carry the national debt close to the limit of $65,000,000,000 fixed by Congress.

# Voters to Pass on City Power-Distribution Plan

Secretary of the Interior Ickes last Saturday approved San Francisco's plan for municipal distribution of electric power—a proposal that the voters authorize sale of $66,500,000 in revenue bonds to purchase the properties of the P. G. and E.

With the Secretary's approval of the financing proposal, details of the program under which the city will sell Hetch Hetchy power direct to the consumers, were released by Mayor Rossi and Edward G. Cahill, manager of utilities.

### Figures on Cost

Cahill placed the value of the P. G. and E. properties at $46,230,000, and added $4,500,000 for intangibles, including a franchise refund and an amount for severance damages and $500,000 for acquisition expense. The total cost of the system thus would be $51,230,000.

City expenditures, under municipal operation, would include $10,153,000 for additions and betterments, including construction of the Red Mountain Bar power plant and extension of the power transmission line from its present terminus at Newark to San Francisco.

### Estimate of Surplus

It was estimated that the city can show a surplus of $5,233,000 annually, as compared to the $2,400,000 revenue it now receives from the P. G. and E.

The bond issue will be presented to the voters at the municipal election on November 4. The plan was to be presented to the Public Utilities Commission and to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Following is the reported essence of the plan to be submitted to the voters:

### Bond Issue of $66,500,000

It proposes a bond issue of $66,500,000 to purchase P. G. and E. equipment for power distribution, to build new power lines and takes into consideration possible resistance to sale on part of the P. G. and E.

It estimates the city's net annual income after payment of bond interest and reduction would be $5,233,000.

On the basis of these estimates, the city would own its own power distribution system outright at the end of 33 years. At the end of that time it would have made a profit of $172,689,000, it is estimated. Or if the city will forego profits, it will be possible to lower power rates 30 per cent, the same estimates indicate.

Hetch Hetchy now is said to furnish about one-third of the power consumed by the city. Under the plan, the remaining two-thirds of consumed power would be purchased from the P. G. and E. But eventually it is planned that Central Valley water project power will be added to Hetch Hetchy power and furnish all power needed here.

Rate reductions, it was pointed out, would give San Francisco lower priced electricity than either Seattle or Los Angeles and be an important factor in the industrial development of the city.

### CONCESSION TO CANNERIES

California canners of perishable fruits and vegetables may employ girls from 16 to 18 years of age in cases where adequate labor over 18 years cannot be obtained, the public contracts division of the U. S. Labor Department decided in Washington last Tuesday. The news dispatch containing the announcement stated that the canners claimed they were faced by a shortage of help because they were unable to hire minors.

### YOUNG DEMOCRATS' PICNIC

The Twenty-sixth Assembly District Democratic Club will play host to members and friends of various district clubs and the Young Democrats at their fourth annual picnic, bowling and field day at Lovchen Garden, Colma, next Sunday, August 17. The major event will be a bowling contest for a gold trophy between teams representing the district clubs and the Young Democrats of San Francisco, Inc. State Chairman Malone, Harold A. Berliner and Dan Del Carlo are members of the reception committee; Assemblyman Edward M. Gaffney is in charge of the speakers' committee; Charles J. Cook the entertainment program, and Jack Kennedy bowling and events.

### MASTERS, MATES AND PILOTS

By a vote of 12 to 1, Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 90 decided to reopen coastwise, intercoastal and offshore agreements with their employers. The present agreements expire Septmber 30. Capt. C. F. May, prsident of the local, stated that amendments and clarifications will be asked for in the reopening of the agreements. Captain May is also a vice-president of his national organization for the west coast and this week is attending a series of conferences in Washington, called by the Maritime Commission, the chief purpose of which, he said, are to ask seagoing labor organizations and offshore steamship operators to decide upon a national uniform basis for war bonus payments.

## Building Trades Council Ball

The annual benefit ball and entertainment of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council will be held at the Hotel Empire tomorrow (Saturday) evening.

Those in charge of the various features of the program for the great event announce that all preliminary details have been well taken care of and that a most enjoyable evening for those who are to attend is assured.

Chairmen of the committees are: James E. Rickets, arrangements; Dewey Mead, reception; Dan Del Carlo, floor; John L. Spalding, decorations; Thomas Walsh, entertainment; John H. Smith, refreshments; Charles J. Foehn, program, and Jason D. Brown, music.

The admission price will be $1.10 a couple.

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# Six Convention Delegates From Street Carmen 1004

Street Carmen No. 1004 will send six representatives to the international convention of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, which will meet in Atlantic City, the opening session being on September 8. President P. Z. Hayes will be a member of the delegation by virtue of his office, and from a field of thirty-eight candidates the following were named for the remaining places: Robert E. Arnold, A. K. Lindstrom, Henry Noll, James M. Rosser and Charles R. Wood.

The Amalgamated Association has jurisdiction over employees of street car, elevated, subway, electric interurban, local, intercity and interstate bus lines. Samuel Gompers, then president of the American Federation of Labor, aided in its foundation, in 1892. The organization functions on an industrial basis and has followed the changes in the industry by continuing to provide that its members shall follow their work with such changes. There are several locals of the Association in the Bay area among the workers over whom it has jurisdiction.

The Atlantic City convention will be presided over by the Association's veteran president, William D. Mahon, who was 80 years old on August 12. He came to the office one year after the organization was founded and has been unanimously returned at each succeeding convention. President Mahon also has for many years been a member of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor.

## Hospital Workers to Dance

Hospital and Institutional Workers No. 250 have announced that the organization will entertain at a dance on September 20, which will be given in Scottish Rite hall. Officials of the union state that preliminary plans for providing an enjoyable evening are progressing satisfactorily and that details of the program for the event will soon be announced.

Mike Rowan, secretary of No. 250, who has been on vacation is expected home shortly, and upon his return Business Agent Arthur Hare will depart on a vacation period. During Rowan's absence his duties have been carried on by President Hurson.

A shortage of male hospital employees, caused by demands of the draft and the defense program, compelled the union to send out an emergency call for recruits. Officials state that the call brought in some twenty-five new workers and that the shortage no longer exists.

## Hop Pickers Wanted

A clearance order for 5000 hop pickers in Sonoma county has been received by the California Department of Employment and is being distributed to all offices of the Department in the State. Growers this year are paying $1.75 per hundred pounds for picking hops, as a starting rate.

The Department hopes to have 2000 workers in Sonoma county by August 20 when picking will start, another 2000 by August 30 and an additional thousand by September 5. The season will last six weeks.

No specialized experience is necessary for hop picking, according to the employer order, and any applicants for work who are willing to try will be considered. It was stated that anyone can learn to do a good job of picking in three days or less.

Director Wagenet of the Department of Employment said he believes there is at the present time a sufficient number of pickers in California to fill the order.


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# Labor Day Committee

**Minutes of Meeting Held Saturday Evening, August 9, 1941**

Meeting called to order at 8 p. m. by President John F. Shelley.

A communication was received from Waiters' and Dairy Lunchmen No. 30 stating that they will parade, and requesting that they be placed in the first division. President Shelley ruled that they should be granted their request. From the Local Joint Board of Culinary Workers and Bartenders, a communication was received requesting that the Labor Day Committee give them a position well forward in the parade so that members who participate may have sufficient time to return to their various employments. Motion made and carried that it be left in the hands of the committee and that they notify the members of their decision.

Reports of Unions—The following organizations reported that they would parade: Cooks No. 44; Boot and Shoe Workers No. 216; Lumber Clerks and Lumbermen No. 2559; Tool and Die Makers No. 1176 (will parade in Oakland); Bartenders No. 41, will parade with a band; Railroad Boilermakers, will parade with a band; Operating Engineers No. 64; Electrical Workers No. 6, will parade with a band; Electrical Workers No. B-202, will parade with a float; Pile Drivers No. 34, will parade with band and two floats.

Thomas Rotell of the Union Label Section reported that the A.B.C. Flag Company, at 1251 Market street, after investigation, has been given the sanction of the Union Label Section; 12 x 18-inch flags may be purchased at $21.60 gross; 4 x 6-inch flags are also carried here.

It was announced that those individuals wishing to parade and whose organizations have voted not to parade are invited to march with any of the organizations parading.

Motion was made and carried that those organizations participating in the parade and desirous of making arrangements to carry their aged members in machines or busses be allowed to do so.

Motion was made and carried that Governor Olson be invited to be the speaker of the day, and if he is unable to accept that the committee be given power to select a speaker.

Motion was made and carried that the drawing for positions in the line of march be held at the next meeting.

Announcement was made that the Labor Day mass will be held on Sunday, August 31, at 10 a. m., at St. Mary's cathedral, as usual.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p. m., to meet again Saturday evening, August 16.

Respectfully submitted.

JASON D. BROWN, Assistant Secretary,
Joint Labor Day Committee.

## DISNEY STRIKERS' AWARD

Striking cartoonists at Walt Disney Studio won wage increases ranging up to 10 per cent and back pay for about 30 per cent of the time they were off in a Federal arbitration award. The studio said back pay will total $27,000 and the annual increase in salaries will approximate $156,000. Under terms of the award, workers receiving under $50 weekly—comprising an estimated 75 per cent of the total employment—will receive a blanket 10 per cent boost. Lesser increases scale upward to $85 a week.

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## CALIFORNIA COUNTY FAIRS

Horse shows and racing and rodeo performances will be among the attractions at the Lassen County Livestock Show in Susanville, August 20-24. The Mendocino County Fair will be held at Ukiah from August 22 to 24. At Hayfork will occur the annual Trinity County Fair, on August 23 and 24. San Benito County's Saddle Horse Show will be held at Bolado Park, August 22-24. The El Dorado County Fair will take place at Placerville, August 22-24.

# Retail Clerks in Negotiation

Representatives of Retail Department Store Employees No. 1100 were continuing negotiations with their employers, this week, in an endeavor to arrive at a new agreement. The larger retail stores of the city are parties to the existing contract with the union, the term of which expires today (Friday). Larry Vail, secretary of the union, stated Tuesday that agreement had been reached with the Retailers' Council, representing the employers, on all points of difference with the exception of wages and the union store.

# Labor Council Baseball League

Results of last Sunday's games in the Labor Council Baseball League were as follows:

Warehousemen 13, Commission Market Drivers 1. Hits: Warehousemen 10, Drivers 5.

Building Service Employees 11, Teamsters 0. Hits: Building Service 15, Teamsters 1.

Production Machinists 11, Retail Delivery Drivers 0. Hits: Machinists 12, Drivers 5.

Present standings of the League clubs are:

| | W. | L. | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Warehousemen No. 860 | 4 | 1 | .800 |
| Teamsters No. 85 | 3 | 2 | .600 |
| Commission Market Drivers | 3 | 2 | .600 |
| Production Machinists | 3 | 2 | .600 |
| Building Service Employees No. 87 | 2 | 3 | .400 |
| Retail Delivery Drivers | 0 | 5 | .000 |

The schedule for next Sunday, at the Father Crowley playground, is as follows:

At 10 a. m.—Commission Market Drivers vs. Building Service Employees. At 12:30 p. m.—Retail Delivery Drivers vs. Teamsters. At 2:30 p. m.—Production Machinists vs. Warehousemen.

# Culinary Journal Editor Visitor in San Francisco

Harry W. Fox, of Cincinnati, managing editor of *The Catering Industry Employee*, official publication of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance and Bartenders' International League of America, spent Thursday and Friday of last week in San Francisco conferring with officials of the culinary unions and visiting his many friends in the Bay area.

The visitor is a former San Franciscan, having worked in many of the famous restaurants of this city before the fire and, since leaving here, has devoted his efforts to union organizational work in the Rocky Mountain region; serving as vice-president of the Colorado State Federation of Labor; editor of Pueblo, Denver and Cheyenne labor papers; president of the Wyoming State Federation of Labor for seventeen years, resigning to become an assistant to Edward F. McGrady, N.R.A. director, in Washington, D. C.; returning to Wyoming to become state executive director of the U. S. Unemployment Commission, which position he resigned to accept appointment as state labor commissioner of Wyoming.

With membership of the H. & R. E. I. A. and B. I. L. of A. rapidly nearing the 300,000 mark, *The Catering Industry Employee*, which is mailed to all members, has, under the progressive management of Editor Fox, become one of the outstanding trade union journals, and as a medium of keeping catering industry workers informed as to progress and conditions throughout the country tends to produce a closer bond of affiliation among its membership, thereby benefitting the general labor union movement.

## BROTHERHOOD CHIEF RE-ELECTED

David B. Robertson of Cleveland was re-elected president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen for his sixth term last Wednesday.

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# "We Don't Patronize" List

**The concerns listed below are on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the San Francisco Labor Council. Members of labor unions and sympathizers are requested to cut this out and post it:**

Adam Hat Stores, Inc., 119 Kearny.
A. Desenfant & Co., manufacturing jewelers, 150 Post.
American Distributing Company.
Austin Studio, 833 Market.
Avenue Hotel, 419 Golden Gate.
Becker Distributing Company.
B & G Sandwich Shops.
Beauty Shops at 133 Geary (except Isabelle Salon de Beaute).
Bruce, E. L. Company, Inc., flooring, 99 San Bruno Ave.
California Watch Case Company.
Chan Quong, photo engraver, 680 Clay.
Curtis Publishing Co., (Philadelphia), publishers of "Saturday Evening Post," "Ladies' Home Journal," "Country Gentleman."
Dial Radio Shop, 1955 Post.
Doran Hotels (include St. Regis, 85 Fourth St.; Mint, 141 Fifth St.; Hale, 939 Mission St.; Land, 936 Mission St.; Hillsdale, 51 Sixth St.; Grand Central, 1412 Market St., and the Ford Apartments, 957 Mission St.).
Drake Cleaners and Dyers.
Forderer Cornice Works, 269 Potrero.
Gantner & Mattern, 1453 Mission.
Golden State Bakers, 1840 Polk.
Gates Rubber Company, 2700 Sixteenth Street.
Goldstone Bros., manufacturers of overalls and workingmen's clothing.
Howard Automobile Company.
John Breuner Company.
L. C. Smith Typewriter Company, 545 Market.
Lucerne Apartments, 766 Sutter.
Magazines "Time" and "Life," products of the unfair Donnelley firm (Chicago).
M. R. C. Roller Bearing Company, 550 Polk.
Montgomery Ward Company, Oakland.
National Beauty Salon, 207 Powell.
Navlett Seed Company, 423 Market.
O'Keefe-Merritt Stove Co. Products, Los Angeles.
Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom.
Purity Springs Water Company, 2050 Kearny.
Remington-Rand Inc., 509 Market.
Romaine Photo Studio, 220 Jones.
Royal Typewriter Company, 153 Kearny.
Sealey Mattress Company, 6699 San Pablo avenue, Oakland.
Sherwin-Williams Paint Company.
Speed-E Menu Service, 693 Mission.
Standard Oil Company.
Stanford University Hospital, Clay and Webster.
Sutro Baths and Skating Rink.
Swift & Co.
Underwood Typewriter Company, 531 Market.
W. & J. Sloane.
Woodstock Typewriter Company, 21 Second.
Wooldridge Tractor Equipment Company, Sunnyvale, California.
All non-union independent taxicabs.
Barber Shops that do not display the shop card of the Journeymen Barbers' Union are unfair.
Beauty Shops that do not display the shop card of the Hairdressers and Cosmetologists' Department of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union of America are unfair.
Cleaning establishments that do not display the shop card of Retail Cleaners' Union, Local No. 93, are unfair.
Locksmith shops which do not display the union shop card of Federated Locksmiths No. 1331 are unfair.

# Run o' the Hook

By FRED E. HOLDERBY
President of Typographical Union No. 21

Emmet Calhoun, representing Birmingham Typographical Union, visited in San Francisco on Friday of last week while on his way to the I.T.U. convention in Vancouver. Mr. Calhoun is a member of the laws committee and had intended contacting Charles W. Lyon, also on the committee, but Charley had left the day before the Birmingham delegate's arrival.

G. E. Glasser of Chicago Typographical Union stopped in at headquarters to shake hands while on his way to Vancouver, where he will visit during the convention. Mr. Glasser is a member of the *Tribune* chapel in Chicago. He has made previous visits to San Francisco, the last being four years ago.

Leonard Sweet and wife left last week on a vacation tour of the southern California beaches.

John Begon, Jr., young son of J. L. Begon of the *Chronicle* makeup department, is laid up with an attack of chickenpox.

Death came on Tuesday, August 5, to Camillo Tommasini, of 2130 North Point street, at the age of 73, following an illness of less than a month. Born in Italy, deceased had come to this city thirty-three years ago, and had become associated with *L'Italia*, as foreman of the composing room, at the time that paper was first organized, and had remained with this firm until his retirement some ten years ago. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Maria Peluso, Mrs. Teresita Piccirillo and Mrs. Clara Siminario, and four sons, Frank, Amedeo, Hector and Renato Tommasini. His wife, Elvira, had preceded him in death a number of years ago. The funeral on Friday, August 8, was from the funeral chapel of Valente, Marini, Perata & Co., thence to SS. Peter and Paul's church for mass at 9:30 a. m. Interment, which was strictly private, was in the Italian cemetery.

Mrs. Agnes E. Ellis, whose funeral was conducted at the Grant D. Miller Mortuaries in Oakland on August 5, was the widow of William H. Ellis, former member of No. 21, who passed on some years ago. Mr. Ellis was at one time chairman of the *Chronicle* chapel.

At the time of going to press we are in receipt of a report that Steve Pryor of the *Chronicle* chapel has entered the ranks of the benedicts.

Mrs. Fred E. Holderby left Monday afternoon for Seattle to be at the bedside of her brother, Chester Linsday, who is a patient at the Marine Hospital in that city. Word was received Monday forenoon that he was in a critical condition and that his recovery was doubtful.

Secretary M. B. MacLeod reports that the condition of her son, Irwin, who has been confined in the hospital since July 31, shows some improvement. Irwin, while at target practice, was accidentally shot, the bullet entering his back near the spine and lodging in his lung. Up to Tuesday of this week it had been necessary to have a nurse in attendance twenty-four hours a day. He has been able at times to move his legs slightly, and with the healing of the wound, which has a paralyzing affect on the spinal cord, the improvement should be more pronounced.

R. F. Aveson, formerly a member of No. 21 for a number of years, and who was with the *Examiner* chapel at the time of his leaving here five years ago, has been spending the last three weeks in San Francisco and southern California. While here he was lavishly entertained by his many friends. He left on Monday for Salt Lake City, where he is connected with the Standard Printing Company.

Vic Myers, San Francisco Typographical Union delegate to the Vancouver convention, stopped off and paid headquarters a visit this week. Secretary Clemens asked the delegate whether or not he was pulling a "Corrigan." Anyway, the San Francisco delegate *did* stop off in Los Angeles on his way to Vancouver, B. C.—Los Angeles *Citizen*.

Representing St. Joseph Union No. 40 as delegate to the Vancouver I.T.U. convention, A. W. Crump paid his respects to the officials at headquarters on Tuesday afternoon. Friends at Walnut Creek, with whom he was spending the day, took him on a motor tour, and he stated he had seen most of the points of interest in San Francisco.

Charles H. Sheffield, delegate representing Phoenix Union No. 352, accompanied by C. M. Edwards, who is delegate from the Junior Typographical Union of Phoenix, stopped over this week on their way to the Vancouver convention.

H. K. Green returned to work last week at the Johnck & Seeger chapel after an illness which had kept him off the job for more than seven months.

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### "News" Chapel Notes—By L. L. Heagney

In a colorful 45-minute service at Russian Orthodox Church, Carl Madsen and Miss Nadine Goevsky were united in marriage last week. The bride conducts a circulating library in the Marina and Madsen is an operator on the night side of the *News* whose friends among printers are legion, and all join in wishing them a happy voyage over the marital sea.

While laid up the past months Herb Hail spent most of his time finishing scrapbooks he started six years ago of material clipped by his mother from magazines and newspapers. The clippings, totaling twenty books, cover American history from Revolutionary times to the early 1930's and are of intense interest to student and layman alike.

Some accidents entirely lack elements of the comic; for instance, the one at Harold Krueger's home last week in which a retaining wall under construction gave way and a ton or more of wet cement broke through a front window and playfully ran over the rug to become acquainted with the piano and chesterfield set.

Directly or indirectly Al Crackbon's friends manage to keep informed of his well-being while in the Home. Fred Wilson, coming back from his eastern vacation, stopped in Colorado Springs to contact him, and last week Chairman Abbott was in receipt of a letter from Al wherein he inclosed photos of all San Francisco residents.

Bill Leslie, our former machinist, here from Seattle, came in to look over the shop and say hello. . . . Skipper Crotty left Saturday for Vancouver on a look-see of convention doings and on his homeward jaunt will stop for a visit at Johnny Dow's Oregon ranch. . . . Generally it was agreed that his long illness left no deleterious effects on Phil Scott's ability to distill witticisms. In fact, Harvey Bell, home from a mysterious and secretive absence, vocally believed that Scott can see humor even in a makeup's work, than which there is none less comic. . . . Postcarding from Markleville, Ralph Fay says he is catching plenty of trout in Highland Lake but that it's awfully chilly after the shades of night obscure Old Sol. . . . He's done lots of things he considers more romantic than commuting, avers Bert Coleman, who moved over to Marvelous Marin for the summer. . . . Mrs. Mackey gives the lowdown on Archie's vacation pastime. Into the garden, she says, overalled and ambitious, went the Peninsula's new landscaping engineer who has learned so much in a few days that he can differentiate between a geranium and a watermelon. . . . Towns, big and small, are on Bill Gobin's itinerary, but he especially intends not to miss Fresno, the village of his youth where he assembled his good looks and good nature. . . . Still "trimming" her new husband at a game he taught her, Mrs. Conley confides that Al at last comprehends the state of mind of the "under-privileged" while counting her consistently high and his ditto low scores.

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### Golf News—By Joe W. Chaudet

Announcements giving complete details and the program for the day, along with a copy of a "Your Party" folder, put out by Rancho Hacienda, have been mailed all Association members, as well as to many of the chapels, and a close perusal of the folder will convince one and all that the place to be on Sunday, August 24, is at Rancho Hacienda, to lend a hand to the Golf Association in helping to celebrate it's third annual anniversary party. This is the one celebration of the Golf Association that should be a "must" on everyone's program. Since the humble beginning of the Association, the annual party has grown in stature and each anniversary has shown the remarkable progress made by the "Golfing Fraternity" in the building of their organization.

This year will be no different from the past two. The officers of the Association have outlined a program for the day that should meet with hearty approval. The award committee of Stright, Schmieder, Nicholson, Cameron and Crebassa can be depended upon to do an excellent job in the purchasing of awards for all winners. The hole-in-one contest as well as the putting contest will be capably managed by Teel, Leach, Ullo, Herbert, Drescher, Crebassa, Kibbee and Schmieder. The menu for the dinner can be found in the printed Rancho folder and after the golf, the contests, the swimming and other events, presentation of awards and the election of officers, the annual dinner will be a fitting climax to this, the third birthday of the Golf Association. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to be present at Rancho Hacienda, come August 24.

SHORT SHOTS—The recent edition of the *Union Printcraft Golfer* devoted a column to the activities of our Association. . . . Among those receiving notation for their golfing ability as well as other "long suits" were the Brothers Gallick, "Cy" Stright, Frank Forst and Fred Leach. . . . Low scores of Association members for the Crystal Springs tourney have been duly noted by the handicapping committee and the monthly meeting next Monday night should see a bit of "paring" done. . . . The driving ability of "Little Benny Hogan" has been publicized at great length in the daily press. . . . The Golf Association has an embryo Hogan in the person of Ralph Iusi, small in stature, but long off the tee. Ralph batted one of his drives at Crystal a mere 340 yards, to land on the twelfth green, which is a man-size clout for any golfer. . . . Vic Lansberry had a warm round at Crystal, coming in with a net of 66. Vic wants his handicap cut so that he can get down in the champ class, where he says the "pickin's are easier than in Class A." The handicap committee, I'm sure, will oblige Vic after that 66. . . . Al Teel's hole-in-one-shot winner withstood the attack of over half the participants in the Crystal hole-in-one-er and the nervous strain Al underwent to win his initial event should place him in good condition for Rancho, where the "hole-in-one" will be some contest. . . . All annual party dinner reservations must be made by next Monday night, August 18. A word to any Association officer will reserve a plate for this dinner. Make your reservation now.

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### Woman's Auxiliary No. 21—By Laura D. Moore

S.F.W.A. will meet in regular monthly session next Tuesday, August 19, at Redmen's Hall, 240 Golden Gate avenue, at 8 p. m. A social hour will follow the business meeting, and members will enjoy "coffee and." This is the last meeting at which dues for the ensuing quarter can be paid. There should be a good attendance at this meeting.

Last year's label committee met with Mrs. Mable A. Skinner, Wednesday, August 6. Mrs. Skinner has been asked by our international secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Littlejohn, and by the international label chairman, Mrs. Mary Rouse, to act on the international label committee at the W.I.A. convention at Vancouver. For this reason the local label committee went over its complete files with Mrs. Skinner prior to her departure. Mrs. Skinner carried with her, as delegate to the convention, the label report of S.F.W.A.

Mary Helen Swenson, 16-year-old granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Swenson, and her chum, Ella May Draper, both of Sacramento, arrived Saturday, August 9, for a week with Mr. and Mrs. Swenson. The girls will return home Sunday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Swenson, who will spend one day in Sacramento with the family of their son, Mr. W. B. Swenson, secretary of the allied printing trades of Sacramento.

For the third time since the organization of S.F.W.A., the stork has visited an Auxiliary home. This time the bird left a little daughter weighing six pounds, one ounce, for Mr. and Mrs. George Holland, of 117 San Mateo street, Lomita Park. The little newcomer, Margo Elaine, was left at St. Mary's hospital, San Francisco, where she and Mother Inez are enjoying perfect health while they are getting acquainted. August 10 is now a red letter day on the Holland calendar.

Mrs. Lorna Crawford drove to Atherton, August 6, with her two sons, Charles and Lawrence, to visit friends. They returned Saturday. The trip was

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repeated again this week so that the boys of the two families may have their annual get-to-gether.

Billy, 16-year-old son of Mrs. Marguerite MacLeod, secretary of Typographical Union No. 21, who was accidentally shot while at target practice in the hills out of Daly City, July 31, is slowly improving. His doctors believe it will be six months before the lad will be out of bed and able to help himself. Paralyzed from the waist down at first, the boy can now wiggle his right toe and foot only. The left side remains fully paralyzed. For twelve days three special nurses have alternated on the 24-hour vigil. Part of the bullet which fractured the boy's spine half way up and back, lodged in a vertebra, and part of it lodged in his right lung. The bullet will not be removed. The boy has lost a great deal of weight, as he refuses his food. The kidneys and bowels remain paralyzed. Billy becomes lonesome, and he can now see his friends, in moderation.

To be eligible for Uncle Sam's "Women's Motor Corps" one must have completed the Red Cross First Aid course, and must have a car of her own or use of a car. She must furnish her own gas and oil, and pay for her own uniform. She has fifty hours of service before she is taken into the Corps, given a uniform, and the Red Cross pin from Washington. Two hours of emergency hospital service per week is required and a minimum of eight hours of motor service per week (running errands, picking up packages, etc.). The minimum service hours per month in order to remain an active member, and be allowed to keep the uniform, is thirty-two hours. Those who work are allowed to get in their hours of training and service on Saturdays and Sundays. Those in the Motor Corps report for work at the State Armory, Fourteenth and Mission, at 7:30 sharp, for two hours of work on Friday nights. Application sheets may be obtained at the Motor Corps desk at Red Cross Headquarters, 625 Sutter street (Graystone 9420). Capt. Billie Sutter is head of the San Francisco Motor Corps, which was started two years ago by eighteen young women. Sidney Beatty is adjutant.

## Mailer Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

The regular monthly meeting of Mailers' Union No. 18 will be held at the Labor Temple next Sunday, August 17.

The new agreement entered into between Des Moines Mailers' Union and publishers of the *Register* and *Tribune* gives the union jurisdiction over the operating of stencil machines. The four men who have been operating the stencil machines will be admitted to journeyman membership in the union under a "four-year plan," namely: Starting with a wage scale of $30 per week and $1 increase every six months. On the two above-mentioned daily newspapers the mailer crews will consist of thirty-six regulars on the night side and thirty day time.

Mailer unions have been formed in Charlotte, N. C.; New Bedford, Mass.; Birmingham, Ala.; New Orleans, La.; Fort Worth, Tex., and Montgomery, Ala. Highest membership of the combined locals was 72. Now it is close to 50, the first-named local having surrendered its charter.

The "Independent" party is charged with having changed the date of the I.T.U. convention from September to August. Why? This year the report of the I.T.U. auditors will be printed after the convention has adjourned.

Homer ("Cy") Hudelson and wife, daughter and son have returned from a two-weeks' visit with relatives at Courtland, Calif. All report having an enjoyable visit—"Cy," especially, who indulged in his favorite pastime of swimming and boating on the Sacramento river.

Lloyd Del Nore, apprentice, *Chronicle* chapel, passed examination as a draftee in military forces and has been transferred to Fort Sill, Okla.

A recent new arrival at the home of Fred and Florence Beck was a seven-pound baby boy. Mother and child are reported as doing well, while Fred wears a more expansive smile, in addition to having acquired a few more pounds avoirdupois. Congratulations!

Berne Chedester and D. C. Ross, *Chronicle* chapel, left the first of the week on an auto tour which will include a visit to the Vancouver convention.

Bob Vernor, of the *Examiner* Typo chapel, this city, new resident at the Union Printers' Home, has donated to the Home a combination radio-phonograph which will be used to the best advantage for the greatest number of residents, says the *Labor News*, Colorado Springs. The multiple unit of sound consists of phonograph, radio, public address amplifying for relay, and also a recorder.

Eddie F. ("Sleepy") Campbell, of the firm of Campbell & Son, Los Angeles, manufacturers of the Campbell Speedy Mailer and repairers of Dick mailing machines, was a last week's chapel visitor, en route to the Vancouver convention. Eddie is donating a nickel-plated Dick machine to be drawn for by lot, free of charge, by mailer delegates to the Vancouver convention. Mr. Campbell is a charter member of Mailers' Union No. 18 and was also its first secretary. No. 18 was chartered by the I.T.U. in April, 1901.

J. E. ("Jack") Cornelson, an assistant foreman to Chas. A. Pirie, "chief skipper" of the mailing department of the *Chronicle*, accompanied by his wife, left the first of the week by auto on a three-weeks' tour, which will include visits to the Redwood Empire, Oregon Caves, Crater Lake, Klamath Falls, Reno, and other points of interest along the way of their itinerary.

### PREPARING BRIDGES VERDICT

Former Judge Charles B. Sears, who presided at the Harry Bridges deportation hearing, "hopes" to make his report to the U. S. Attorney General by September 15, he told the New York *Times* early this week. He stated that all briefs were in a week ago. Whether Bridges is to be deported will be decided by the Attorney General. No one has been appointed to take the place of Associate Justice Robert H. Jackson, but an appointment is expected soon. Francis Biddle is acting Attorney General.

## Busses for Sacramento Street

By the terms of a trade arranged by Mayor Rossi, the Market Street Railway Company would get a permit to replace the Sacramento Street cable line with a bus service in exchange for some needed track removal and street paving work. The proposal will require approval of the Board of Supervisors.

In exchange for the permit President Samuel Kahn and Vice-President Newton said the company would remove old rails on Leavenworth, between McAllister and Ellis; for 300 feet north of Chestnut on Fillmore; on Bush between Sansome and Battery; on Sansome between Bush and Sutter, and on Battery between California and Market.

Cost to the company would be about $10,000, with the city paying some $3500 for a top dressing on these streets.

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## Federation of Teachers No. 61

By GRACE YOUNG, Secretary

The advisory council met last Monday at the home of the secretary and disposed of an accumulation of routine mail. The council discussed ways and means of waging an active and successful campaign against the indifference toward the labor movement which is, all too often, found among the better paid workers in America.

Mr. O'Brien, our senior delegate to the Labor Council, brought a petition for the referendum on the "hot cargo" bill and all members who had not already signed this important document affixed their signatures and promised to see to it that members of their families, as well as friends, who are registered voters signed a petition.

Action on many subjects must be postponed until the first regular meeting of the entire local, September 8.

The council feels that it is imperative that all educational organizations realize the importance of keeping ourselves calm in order to avoid those hysterias which afflict peoples in times of national and international crises. Plans were discussed for a constructive program which will help keep our local on an even keel and lay foundations for patriotic service, not only during this emergency period, but after it, when the trying days of readjustment are upon us.

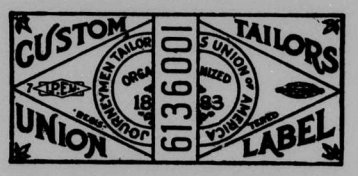
Our treasurer, M. D. Coats, reported an inspiring auto trip to St. Louis, and to Grand Coulee, the latter another project looking forward to the days of future peace when, once more, "the desert will be made to bloom."

President Cleary had to cut short his attendance at the American Legion convention at Sacramento because he is teaching, this summer, as part of the defense educational program, and must be in his classroom Monday morning. He is a member of the Legion and active in its many patriotic works.

Financial Secretary Lundy is still out of the city, as are many of our members.

A speech of Hon. Jennings Randolph of West Virginia in the House of Representatives is worth reading, and we here quote one especially pertinent paragraph: "When men and women understand what America stands for—and civic education means teaching them to understand—this nation need fear no borer-from-within, or Trojan Horse of any color. Fascism, nazism, or communism of any brand can only grow in the fertile soil of ignorance, oppression, and intolerance."


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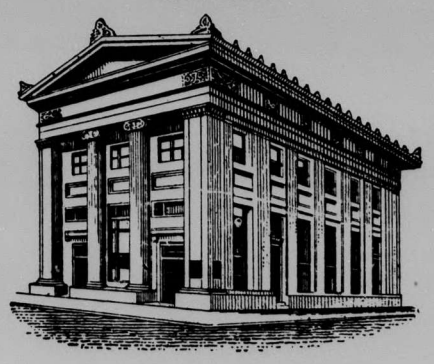



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# S. F. Labor Council

**The Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m. at the Labor Temple, Sixteenth and Capp streets. Secretary's office and headquarters, Room 214. Labor Temple Headquarters phone MArket 6304. The Executive and Arbitration Committees meet every Monday at 7:30 p. m. The Union Label Section meets first and third Wednesdays at 8 p. m.**

### Synopsis of Meeting Held Friday Evening, August 8, 1941

Meeting called to order at 8:20 p. m. by President John F. Shelley; Delegate George Johns, secretary *pro tem.*

**Roll Call of Officers**—Secretary O'Connell excused.

**Reading of Minutes**—Minutes of previous meeting approved as printed in the LABOR CLARION, except as noted below under the heading, "New Business."

**Credentials**—Referred to the organizing committee.

**Report of the Organizing Committee**—(Meeting held Friday evening, August 8, 1941.) Called to order at 7 o'clock by Chairman Thomas A. Rotell. Members present were: Brothers Rotell, Cortesi, White, Bregante, Piccini; excused were Sister Tuoto, Brothers Cruz, Ballerini and Schurba. The committee considered the application of the Glass Bottle Blowers' Association of the United States and Canada, Branch No. 141, for affiliation with the Council. Representing this organization were the following: Henry E. Burns, Larry Smith, John Watroba and Harold Roberts; upon proper examination and investigation, your committee recommends that this organization be seated in the San Francisco Labor Council. The statistical information is on file in the Council office. The organization is to be notified of the action of the Council and stand instructed to send in an accredited delegate. The meeting adjourned at 8 p. m. *In conformity with the organizing committee's recommendation adopted June 20, 1941, in the future no delegate will be admitted inside the railing to participate in the meeting unless he or she presents his or her identification card as a delegate to the Council.* The report of the committee was adopted.

**Communications**—Filed: Minutes of San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council. From the California State Federation of Labor, explaining the purpose of the meeting to be held Sunday, August 10, regarding the signing of petitions necessary to hold up Senate Bill 877. From Pile Drivers No. 34, regarding an agreement between the Office of Production Management and the Building and Construction Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor which attempts to set up a uniform condition covering hours, overtime rates, and conditions of employment over the entire United States; and requesting all unions who are interested in this action to take similar action and send similar letters to their international, to President Roosevelt, John P. Coyne, and also to their congressmen. From Bakery and Confectionery Workers No. 24, withdrawing their request for strike sanction against the Waxman Bakery, Inc., stating this matter has been adjusted. Card of thanks from John A. O'Connell.

Bills were read and ordered paid, after being approved by the trustees.

Referred to the Executive Committee: Warehousemen No. 860, requesting strike sanction against W. & J. Sloane, 224 Sutter street. From Bakery and Confectionery Workers No. 119-C of Oakland, asking that we place on our "We Don't Patronize" list Miss Saylor's Chocolates, 2420 Encinal avenue, Alameda. Pharmacists No. 838, asking strike sanction against a number of pharmacies because of their refusal to sign a union contract. Grocery Clerks No. 648, requesting strike sanction against Mr. Dandolo Mugnaini, proprietor of the bakery and grocery departments of the Spreckels Market, 753 Market street.

Request Complied With: From the San Francisco Regional Council of Administrators for National Defense Training in San Francisco and San Mateo counties, asking that the san Francisco Labor Council designate a representative to serve on the advisory committee. Motion made and seconded that the request be complied with; carried.

Referred to California State Federation of Labor: Communication from Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America, Division 1225, requesting strike sanction against the Pacific Greyhound Lines and also that they be placed on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the San Francisco Labor Council.

**Report of the Executive Committee**—(Meeting held Monday evening, August 4, 1941.) Called to order at 8 o'clock by Vice-Chairman Haggerty. In the matter of Warehousemen No. 860, request for strike sanction against the Northern California Plumbing and Heating Wholesalers' Association; both sides were represented; the dispute involves the dissatisfaction of the union with the employers' interpretation of wage scales existing in the present tentative agreement; after considerable discussion it was agreed that this be held in committee pending a meeting to be held Wednesday, August 6, at 10 a. m., at 785 Market street, and that Acting Secretary Johns be present on behalf of the Council; the representative of the union further reported that the dispute against the Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical Company had been settled. A committee from Street Carmen, Division 518, appeared before the executive committee, requesting support of the Council in their present campaign to obtain a charter amendment for a wage increase; they requested that a letter be sent to Hon. Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, asking his approval for a wage increase and assuring him of labor's position in favor of municipal power; your committee recommends that this matter be referred to Brothers Haggerty and Johns to draft a suitable letter, to be sent immediately. In the matter of the request of the Local Joint Board of Culinary Workers and Bartenders for strike sanction against McPartland Bros.' Restaurant, located in the Ferry building, representatives of the unions were present but no one appeared for the employer; after hearing the facts your committee recommends that this firm be placed on the "We Don't Patronize" list. In the matter of the request of Building Service Employees No. 87 for strike sanction against the Enterprise Foundry, 2902 Nineteenth street, Brothers Hardy and Brown were present for the unions, and Mr. Sayre on behalf of the employer; the dispute involves an agreement that has been negotiated but not signed and a subsequent change in the managing officers of the factory; after considerable discussion your committee recommends that this be held in committee for one week, pending further consideration. By consent of Building Service Employees No. 87, their dispute with the Concordia Club, Post street and Van Ness avenue, shall be postponed one week. Retail Shoe and Textile Salesmen's Association No. 410 presented their proposed agreement with the following changes: Union shop clause, 44-hour week instead of the present 48-hour week, reclassification of certain employees, and an approximate $6 per week increase in wages; inasmuch as this agreement has been approved by the International Association, your committee recommends approval, with the usual admonition. In the matter of the request of the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council that the Simonds Saw Company, 120 First street, be placed on the Council's "We Don't Patronize" list, Brother Byrnes appeared on behalf of the union, and Mr. Johnson and Mr. de Jung of the San Francisco Employers' Council appeared on behalf of the employer; this matter has been a dispute of long standing and the company is now on the Unfair List of the Washington and Oregon state federations of labor; after discussion of the items in dispute your committee recommends that this firm be placed on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the San Francisco Labor Council. In the matter of the resolution submitted by the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council, Brothers Pickle, Rickets and Smith appeared and explained the purpose of the resolution was to correct the present unfair overtime provisions for city employees; the committee recommends that the resolution be referred to a committee composed of Brothers O'Connell, J. P. McLaughlin, Pickle, King and Johns. In the matter of the request of Garage and Service Station Employees No. 665, that the Certified Auto System (a subsidiary of the Associated Oil Company), operating service stations at Pine street and Van Ness avenue and Post and Mason streets, be placed on the "We Don't Patronize" list; in view of the reported refusal of the employer to abide by the union's agreement, your committee recommends that the Certified Auto System be placed on the Council's "We Don't Patronize" list. The same organization presented their proposed agreement with the tire and rubber shops of this city; the main changes are a 10 per cent increase in wages and a reduction to five days per week; this agreement has been approved by the International Association, and your committee also recommends approval, subject to the usual admonition. Brothers Jinkerson and Hartshorn appeared on behalf of Grocery Clerks No. 648; they informed the committee that their present contract provides that they may reopen their wage scales if there is a substantial increase in the cost of living; Secretary O'Connell was sitting in on these negotiations and understands the situation; your committee recommends that this matter be referred to the acting secretary to contact Secretary O'Connell on this matter. In the matter of the request of the San Fernando Central Labor Council that the Walt Disney productions be placed on the Unfair List; it is reported that this dispute has been settled; your committee recommends that the communication be filed. In the matter of the Chicago Federation of Labor listing the anti-labor tactics of A. Stein & Company of Chicago, manufacturers of Paris garters, Glasstex belts, suspenders, etc., your committee recommends that this communication be referred to the LABOR CLARION. In the matter of the Labor Council's Committee to Aid British Labor, asking that our executive

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committee support the worthiness of this cause, your committee recommends that the San Francisco Labor Council donate $50 to this campaign on behalf of British labor. Your committee recommends that the San Francisco Labor Council delegates to the California State Federation of Labor convention receive the usual amount of $150. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p. m. The report of the committee as a whole was adopted.

**Report of Joint Labor Day Committee**—The report of this committee as published in the August 8 issue of the LABOR CLARION was presented to the Council.

**Reports of Unions**—Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers and Bartenders—Brother St. Peter reported on the negotiations between the Joint Board of Culinary Unions and the Hotel Owners' Association, remarking that no substantial progress toward a settlement had been made. Building Service Employees No. 87—Following up Brother St. Peter's report, stated that they have had little success with these employers in bettering conditions; have waited forty-five days in the hope that the employers would change their attitude; there are twenty-three or twenty-six hotels involved in these negotiations; there are 2600 service workers, the majority belonging to No. 283; have received strike sanction, and ask the support of the Council. Office Employees No. 13188—Reported on the status of their organization; advised that this local still retains jurisdiction over the various union offices, public accountants, public stenographers, etc., and urge union officials to keep this in mind, as they intend to enforce their rights. Warehousemen No. 860—Reported that their organization had settled the dispute with the plumbing industry; 150 members working under this jurisdiction have received increase of 5 cents per hour; highest wage scale in the United States for unskilled workers, $1.20 per hour, five-day forty-hour week, double time for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Union Label Section—Reminded organizations that commencing September 22, at the Civic Auditorium there will be an exhibit of union labor products, union shop cards, and other union items; there are ten more spaces to be filled; any organization interested in putting in an exhibit, at no cost, get in touch with Union Label Section (Market 0610).

**New Business**—Correction in minutes of last week: *Notary Public* to be found *in office of California Federation of Labor, in Flood building,* instead of at 1164 Market street. Motion made and seconded that the San Francisco Labor Council request that unions involved be permitted to sit in on Greyhound dispute; carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p. m.

**Receipts,** $1,006; **expenses,** $402.26.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE W. JOHNS, Secretary *pro tem.*

### NEW ENROLLMENT AT U. C.

Registration for the fall semester of the University of California at Berkeley will begin next Thursday, August 21, with University officials predicting a decided drop in enrollment because of the national defense program. It was predicted that enrollment will drop by about 1000 students, from 15,581 last year to approximately 14,500.

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### MARE ISLAND WAGE INCREASE

Rear Admiral William Friedell, commandant of Mare Island navy yard, states that wage increases for civil service workers announced in Washington will boost the Mare Island pay roll by $1,500,000 annually. Twelve thousand workmen will be affected.

### OFFICE EMPLOYEES' PICNIC

The "First Grand Picnic" of Office Employees No. 21320 (A.F.L.) is announced for Sunday, September 4. The event will be held at Portola Park, San Mateo county, with games, refreshments and other attractions being offered. Admission will be 50 cents, children under 12 free.

## Notice to Union Secretaries

In its Labor Day number, to be issued August 29, the LABOR CLARION will publish the directory of unions affiliated with the San Francisco Labor Council. The last publication of the directory was in the issue of July 4. If there has been any change since that date in the location of your union headquarters, the meeting place of your union, or its meeting date, or if any error was noted in the last publication of the directory, please notify the office of the secretary of the Labor Council *immediately,* giving the correct information.

## Carmen's Auxiliary No. 1004

By MARY GRANNUCI

Mrs. Charles Gianola, president, will represent this auxiliary at the convention of the International Auxiliary of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America to be held in Atlantic City, N. J., opening September 8.

Mrs. Leona Parker, also of our auxiliary, is the international first vice-president, and will leave several days ahead to attend the executive board meetings to be held prior to the opening of the convention.

The convention of the A. A. of S. E. R. and M. C. E. of A. will also be held at this time with President William Mahon presiding. Mrs. Anna P. Kelsey of Salt Lake City is the international president of the auxiliary and will preside over the auxiliary sessions.

Quite a few of the members have been enjoying their vacations and attendance at meetings has been very bad. According to their new contract, the men will enjoy two weeks' vacation next year. I hate to think what the attendance will be then, and I believe I can say the same for the rest of our members.

Our meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of every month. We invite the women whose husbands, brothers or fathers are members of Division 1004 to join with us.

A contribution was given to the U.S.O.

Sympathy is extended to John A. O'Connell, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council, on the death of his wife.

## Barbers' International Convention Next Month

The eighteenth convention of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union of America will be held in Indianapolis, headquarters of the organization, beginning September 15. Convention headquarters will be at the Claypool hotel.

Approximately 1200 delegates are expected to be in attendance, including the beautician delegates, who represent the hairdressers and cosmetologists' department of the union.

The Barbers became organized in 1887 and affiliated with the American Federation of Labor the following year. William C. Birthright is the general president and secretary-treasurer, the two offices having been combined some five years ago. He is a member of the union's general executive board, the additional members consisting of the eleven vice-presidents, and upon which the Pacific Coast is represented by Charles T. Crane of Portland. Birthright is also a member of the executive Council of the American Federation of Labor. The barbers' organization now reports the largest membership in its history.

San Francisco locals affiliated with the international union are Barbers No. 148 and Beauticians No. 12. At the coming convention in Indianapolis, No. 148 will be represented by J. H. Honey, I. D. Hester, James A. Cramp, Ludwig Keller, Abe Levy, Ed. Adams and Grover Duke. The delegates named by the Beauticians are Bee Odle Snyder, Edna Orcutt and Winifred Barner, and their alternates are Constance Garcia, Lilly Bush and Louis Hansen.

### PRINTING SPECIALTY WORKERS

George Spooner, Jack Maltester and Harold Parrazzo have represented the employees in a recent series of negotiations whereby members of Printing Specialties and Paper Converters' Union No. 362 will benefit under new contracts. Miscellaneous employees in city printing plants will receive an increase from 70 to 80 cents an hour, at the Schwabacher-Frey plant specialty printing workers' pay raises range from 10 to 15 cents an hour, women workers employed by the Reynolds Metal Company in foil printing operations gain 10 cents an hour, and at the Eastman Tag and Label Company, where there are fifty employees, the agreement provides for a 7-cent raise in the hourly rate for men and 3½ cents for women.

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# Sees "Break" for Union Label in War Situation

A special article by Chester M. Wright, editor of the Labor News Service, says that the war situation may give the union label the biggest break it ever had.

The reason for this impending development is found in forthcoming shortages of materials, supplies and products, Wright says, and he continues as follows:

Famous brand names seem almost sure to disappear from the market in many lines, leaving the union label as the only mark to indicate quality and character.

Priorities rulings and pooling of supplies appear almost at hand in several lines.

Most striking example of what seems due to happen is found in the petroleum industry. Plans are being perfected to pool all gasoline supplies, removing all brand names, which have been built up at costs running into millions of dollars. If and when the pooling plan is adopted the car driver will go to a pump which simply sells gasoline, he will ask for gasoline and he will get one standard grade. The great names that now attract motorists will all be in the discard, for the duration.

### Sees Shortages in Many Fields

Gasoline is cited as the example because it is the most striking now available and because there is no union label on gasoline, although there are hundreds of unionized service stations under the A.F.L. banner. Production is C.I.O.

But what happens to gasoline will happen in many other fields. Shortages are just ahead in every line using metals and here there are many union-made products. Plastics, too, appear due for restriction under sharp priorities orders, while the silk industry seems destined to disappear, as far as private use of silk is concerned. In how many fields brand names will be eliminated under government orders remains to be seen, because the government, through the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply and through the Office of Production Management, is just getting its teeth into the problem.

### System Used in England

Britain has worked out the problem differently, allotting manufacturers a pro-rated quantity, to keep brand names alive, even where production itself is in a pool.

But even where the British system may be applied, the union label again will serve as the one positive mark of identification, indicating, to those who know the market, the source of origin. This is the way it will work in such cases. A firm which has not had a union-made product, bearing the label, may be supplied from a pool which is entitled to the label. Thus, the firm's brand may appear, with the union label also appearing, indicating that the old non-union brand of product is now made in a union shop. The reverse also will be true.

### Can Identify Electric Ranges

Electric ranges are due for sharp curtailment. There are union-made ranges and it will be possible to identify these, no matter what may happen to limit output or to eliminate brand names.

Of course in fields where there is no likely shortage of raw materials there will be no loss of brand names. There will be no disappearance of brand names in the tobacco and cigarette field and, naturally, no change in the union label situation, except perhaps to add to the number of labels used.

### U.S.O. GOAL ATTAINED

Thomas E. Dewey, national chairman of the United Service Organizations' fund drive, announced in New York that the goal of $10,765,000 has been reached and that with Community Chest commitments the total will reach $12,000,000 by fall.

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### COUNTERFEIT BILL WARNING

A number of unusually deceptive counterfeit $5 bills have been passed recently in the Bay Area and Sonoma county, Captain Foster of the U. S. Secret Service warns. Foster said the bills can be detected by their glossy appearance, and by a bluish-green tint on the back.

### CARMEN'S WAGES BOOSTED

Union street car and bus employees in Detroit have a new rate of wages which has added $1,372,000 annually to their incomes. The rates were established through negotiation and a recent arbitration award. Hourly rates of bus operators are increased 6 cents and of motormen and conductors 4 cents, bringing the maximum to 92 cents an hour for bus and 87 cents an hour for two-man street car operation. Vacation allowances were extended from ten days to fourteen days, with twelve days' pay.

## Children in California Farm Work

"The employment of children in agricultural work will doubtless assume greater proportions during the next few months than at any time since World War I," states H. C. Carrasco, State Labor Commissioner. "Farmers and others associated with agriculture are in agreement that if minors are employed, the child labor laws must be observed in the interest of protecting the health, morals and educational welfare of these children," continued Carrasco.

A digest of laws concerning the employment of children in agriculture has been prepared by the State Division of Labor Statistics and Law Enforcement to assist in answering questions which are constantly arising. The digest covers age limitations, school permits, hours of employment, hazardous occupations and keeping of records. Copies of the digest may be obtained at any office of the Division of Labor Statistics and Law Enforcement (in San Francisco at 515 Van Ness avenue).

## Just Wage Complaint, Says Mayor

Mayor Rossi last week again announced his support of the proposal to increase the pay of platform men on the Municipal Railway, who now receive a $6 daily wage. Charter provisions limit the wages for city employees to an amount not exceeding that paid in private industry for comparable employment. Friends of the "Muni" employees, both in the city government and among the general public, are anxious to provide for the desired increase without resorting to a charter amendment, if possible.

Following a visit of officials of the Carmen's Union to Mayor Rossi, for further discussion of the subject, the Mayor declared that "the carmen have a just complaint," pointing to the fact that the trackmen and laborers in the employ of the city receive a wage of $6.80 per day.

## Attack "Daylight Saving"

The House interstate commerce committee has concluded public hearings on the Administration's "daylight savings" bill with a representative of the motion picture industry asserting that it would cause "wholesale disruption of the lives and businesses of millions of Americans."

Chairman Clarence F. Lea of California said the committee probably would not act on the bill until September. The measure would give President Roosevelt power to establish daylight saving time on a regional or national basis. Areas which now use daylight time normally end it in late September.

An official of the Motion Picture Theater Owners of America told the committee that daylight saving time would cause a 25 per cent decrease in motion picture attendance. People prefer to stay outdoors during the evening hours of daylight, he explained.

In recent years the daylight saving proposal has been twice defeated by referendum vote in California.

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